NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Turkey  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry/General Directorate of Food and Control |
| **3.** | **Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):** Spices |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[****X]** **All trading partners**  **[ ]****Specific regions or countries:** |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Turkish Food Codex - Communiqué on Spices (Draft) 2019.**Language(s):** Turkish. **Number of pages:** 13  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/TUR/20_0146_00_x.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This Communiqué covers product definitions, compositions criteria and labelling requirements of spices. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [****X]****food safety, [ ]****animal health, [ ]****plant protection, [ ]****protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ]****protect territory from other damage from pests.** |
| **8.** | **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:**  **[ ]****Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:**  **[ ]****World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[ ]****International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:**  **[****X]** **None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[ ]****Yes [ ]****No**  **If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:** |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** The Law on Veterinary Services, Phytosanitary, Food and Feed, Law No 5996 (G/SPS/N/TUR/9) |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 16 March 2020  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 15 May 2020 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 15 May 2020 (Food enterprises operating before the publication of this Communiqué are obliged to comply with the provisions of this Communiqué within three years after the date of publication)  **[ ]****Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 6 March 2020  **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [****X]****National Notification Authority, [****X]****National Enquiry Point.** **Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**  Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry  General Directorate of Food and Control  Eskisehir Yolu 9. Km. Lodumlu Ankara - Turkey  Tel: +(90 312) 258 77 53  Fax: +(90 312) 258 77 60  E-mail/Internet: sps@tarimorman.gov.tr  Website: <https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr> |
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